



# News Release

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## **King Co. physician may not prescribe or dispense most controlled substances**

**OLYMPIA** -- The Medical Quality Assurance Commission has restricted the medical license of Bothell physician Daniel Riegel (MD00026679). He was charged with violating standards of care including the manner in which he prescribed opioids for treatment of chronic pain.

The commission received a complaint from his former employer regarding medical care of patients. Riegel may not prescribe or dispense most controlled substances in Washington until the charges are resolved. He has 20 days from the date of the commission's order to respond to the charges and to request a hearing.

The statement of charges and summary action order in this case are available online by clicking the link to "[Provider Credential Search](#)" on the [agency home page](#); copies can be requested by calling 360-236-4700. Anyone who believes a health care provider acted unprofessionally is encouraged to call that number to report their complaint.

The Medical Commission promotes patient safety and enhances the integrity of the profession through licensing, rule-making, discipline, and education. Learn more about the commission at: [doh.wa.gov/medical](http://doh.wa.gov/medical). Follow the Medical Commission on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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